



# GRINLING GIBBONS

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 19th October 2018

# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the first half term. The children have produced some exceptional learning this term and have settled back to school well after the summer break. We would like to thank all parents for supporting us with their generous donations for the Harvest Festival and International Evening this half term. Hope you all have a restful break. Remember that the children come back on Monday 29th October 2018.

All the best,

**Mr. Dean Gordon, Head of School**

Value of the Month:

**Equality**

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If you have a child in year 6, the deadline for completing the secondary school applications is Wednesday 31st October at 11.59pm.

It is important that you apply by the deadline date, otherwise it will be classed as a late application and you may not get your first choice of school.

If you need any help with completing the application from online, please speak to the school office who will be happy to assist you.

You can complete your application form online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

## GOING PAPERLESS

Effective the week commencing Monday 29th October, we will no longer be handing out paper copies of the Headteachers newsletter.

This will now be sent to all parents/carers by email as well as posted on the school website [www.ggibbons.lewisham.sch.uk](http://www.ggibbons.lewisham.sch.uk)

However, if you would like a paper copy, please ask at the school office.

Please ensure that the office has an up-to-date email address for you so we can send this.



## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

It is important that all children come to school every day and on time. As a school, we take attendance very seriously, and regularly monitor this. If your child's attendance drops below 90%, your child will be a persistent absentee. You will then be referred to the Local Authority Attendance and Welfare Officer, who will contact you directly.

**The Education Act 1996 states that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that their child attends the school at which they are on roll. A failure to do this, could result in legal action being taken by the Local Authority, and a penalty being issued.**



# SCHOOL MEALS

School dinners are **£2.20** per day, **£11** per week. Could you please ensure that school dinner payments are made on a regular basis, as if your dinner account falls below £20, your child's school dinners will be stopped. **You could be referred to the Lewisham Debt Collecting Team.**

You may be entitled to free school meals if you currently are on a lower income and receive certain benefits. Please apply online direct to Lewisham Council:

[www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

# NURSERY 30 HOURS

At Grinling Gibbons, we now offer 30 hours for 3 & 4 year olds as long as parents are eligible. You can find out at

[www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs](http://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs)

if you are eligible. Please let friends and family know as we have spaces!

# HALF TERM FUN

In October, we will be running our Pilot Creative Arts Holiday Club with the IAB Part Time

Performing Arts School during the half term from **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October.**

Classes will include Vocal, Drama and Dance workshops, Filming and Photography, Sports, Games and Creative Masterclasses!

To reserve your child's place or for further details on prices, please contact IAB CIC at: [connect@iamblessed51.com](mailto:connect@iamblessed51.com) with subject heading 'GG Holiday Club'.

# TERM DATES

## AUTUMN TERM 2018

Wednesday 5th September - Friday 19th October

**Half term: Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October**

Monday 29th October - Friday 21st December

## SPRING TERM 2019 INSET DAY (School closed to Pupils):

Monday 7th January

**Pupil First Day: Tuesday 8th January - Friday 15th February**

**Half term: Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February**

Monday 25th February - Friday 5th April

Easter Holiday: Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April

## SUMMER TERM 2019 INSET DAYS (School closed to Pupils):

Friday 24th May and Tuesday 23rd July

Tuesday 23rd April - Thursday 23rd May

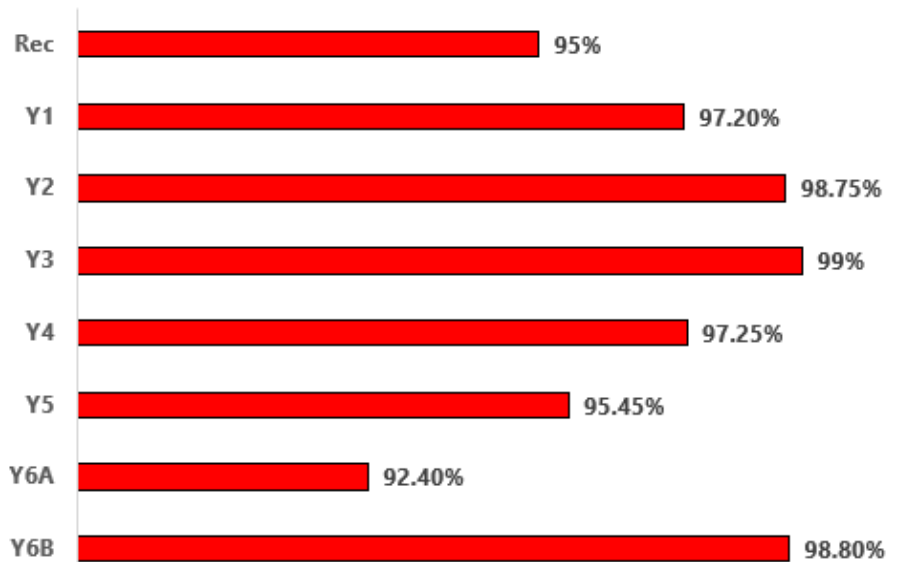
May Day will be taken on Monday 6th May

**Half term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May**

Monday 3rd June - Monday 22nd July



# WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



**Well done to Year 3 who have the best attendance this half term. Keep it up!**

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Executive Headteacher: Ms. Jeanette Brumby

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